

## Wisconsin Egg Production Up

For the year ending November 30, 1999, Wisconsin's egg production totaled 1.03 billion. This is a 7 percent increase over production in 1998. Layer inventory averaged 3.77 million birds in 1999, up 2 percent over the previous year. The average number of eggs per layer jumped 4 percent.

National egg production for the year ending November 30, 1999, was 82.7 billion, 4 percent above the previous year. Layer numbers during 1999 averaged 322 million. The national average number of eggs laid per bird was 257.

Egg Production 1/						
State	Average number of layers		Eggs per layer 2/		Total egg production	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Thousand		Number		Millions	
WISCONSIN	3,678	3,767	263	274	967	1,031
Illinois	3,156	3,238	266	271	838	876
Indiana	21,787	22,035	268	265	5,831	5,838
Iowa	23,044	25,623	259	264	5,969	6,754
Minnesota	12,032	12,310	262	255	3,152	3,138
Ohio	28,037	30,730	266	267	7,446	8,193
California	25,161	25,523	263	259	6,608	6,606
Georgia	21,034	21,039	244	246	5,126	5172
Pennsylvania	22,049	22,634	271	271	5,983	6,135
United States	312,035	322,322	255	257	79,690	82,707

1/Annual estimates cover the period Dec. 1, previous year thru Nov. 30.

2/Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand

Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service.